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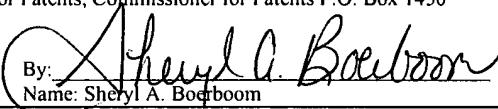
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ROITMAN ET AL. Examiner: Melanie Yu  
Serial No.: 10/824,548 Group Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: April 14, 2004 Docket No.: 10030531-01  
Title: Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy for Biosensor Systems and Methods  
for Determining the Presence of Biomolecules

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

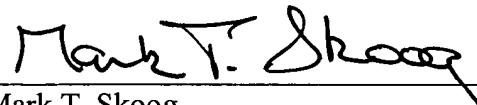
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 9, 2005, said period of response being extended from June 9, 2005 to September 9, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$1020.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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